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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

### THE SUBMARINE LOSSES.

The latest bulletin on submarine losses shows that while the German "U" boats have not succeeded in their campaign to shut Great Britain off from the receipt of food supplies, the danger from that source has not yet vanished. The bulletin gives but little information of real value. It states that 1,600 British vessels of more than 1,000 tons each were sunk during the week under review, but does not enlighten the public as to the total gross tonnage of the vessels destroyed, or the value and nature of their cargoes. This information is all obtainable and the only reason it is not presented is that the British Admiralty deems it wise that the public should not be enlightened.

Without such information no adequate idea of the scope of the submarine menace can be obtained. The bulletin contains no reference to neutral vessels destroyed, a matter every bit as important as the chronicling of vessels of British ownership, for if valuable cargoes carried in neutral ships were sent to the bottom by the activities of the submarine the loss to the British public, except for the value of the ship, would be as great as if British vessels were sunk.

Before any correct idea of the success or failure of the German submarine campaign can be gained it is necessary to know what relation the losses of cargoes bears to the necessities of the British people. This information the Germans already have and the British Admiralty is also in possession of all the facts. Why then should they be kept from our own people, the people most vitally interested?

Possibly the Admiralty believes that by holding back information of the sort alarm will be allayed. If so, that is an illogical conclusion. Uncertainty creates alarm rather than decreases it, and to withhold unwelcome information—if it is unwelcome—merely serves to keep the people in the dark as to the real condition. If the information is not unwelcome there is even less reason for suppressing it. If the measures adopted by the British Admiralty for combating the submarine menace are wholly successful that fact should be made known to cheer and hearten the people. If conditions are really serious then the people should be notified so they will know just what they have to face and what will be expected of them. But the suppression of any information merely to keep the people in good humor and complacent is a childish proceeding for which there is no shadow of excuse.

The people of the British Empire have been nearly three years at war and now realize that they are going to win. They have not lost their heads, their spirits are high and they can be trusted with the truth regarding every movement of the war without fear that they may become hysterical. There is no nervousness about the average Briton or the average Canadian as to the progress being made at the front, the ability of the British navy to safeguard all parts of the Empire and to keep the trade routes open, or the nature of the ultimate end of the struggle in which we are now engaged. The people can be trusted with the truth and the whole truth, be it good or bad. If it is good, it will give added cause for optimism, if it is not so favorable, the only effect it can have is to cause the people to realize the extent of their duties and the measure of the sacrifices to be made. But, under present arrangements of disseminating war information there is more than a little ground for dissatisfaction.

### POLITICS VERSUS PATRIOTISM.

A plain warning to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his Quebec followers, that Ontario Liberals are more interested in the war than in schemes for a general election seems to have been uttered by Hon. N. W. Rowell at Hamilton. Explanation to the holding of provincial by-elections, the Ontario Liberal leader said:

"We are now entering upon the most critical stage of the war, and during the months of May and June, when it would be necessary to hold these by-elections, our troops will probably be engaged in a life and death struggle with the enemy. If these by-elections were held it would mean that the premier and other members of the government during the next two months would be giving much time and thought to these elections, when their time and energies should be devoted to the question of agricultural production and the other urgent problems now facing us. It would also involve my colleagues and myself giving time and thought

also to the same matter. Let me repeat what I said in the house: that I would prefer giving my time to assist in the public patriotic work so urgently needed to back up our men at the front and to increase production than to be engaged in by-elections, no matter how great the party success."

All the reasons so forcibly marshalled by Mr. Rowell against holding by-elections during the war apply with double force against the holding of a Dominion-wide election. For it is harmful and distracting to hold elections in a few constituencies, what can be said of a proposal to hurl the country into the throes of a nationwide electoral conflict?

Had Mr. Rowell the Ottawa and Quebec situation in mind when he adopted this course of reasoning? Does he perceive the menace to continued Canadian unity in the war in the activity of the Canons and the Gladiators and their ilk in Quebec? Does he believe with that other sturdy Liberal, Dr. Michael Clark, that it is the duty of loyal Canadians today to stand behind the clear-eyed purpose of the Prime Minister until the war is won?

The provincial government must understand that the mere passage of a prohibition act will not produce a "dry" province. The act must be enforced fearlessly and faithfully and much depends upon the character of the officers chosen to fulfil that duty. In this the inspector should be given an absolutely free hand and there must be no disposition on the part of the government or any of its holders to regard the appointment of sub-inspectors as political jobs to be given to the "faithful" without regard to qualification. That is not the intention of the act or the language of the act and any idea to the contrary may prove a serious menace to the success of the whole undertaking.

The Board of Trade is to be commended for its effort to bring the business man and the agriculturist together for the purpose of discussing the question of co-operation in production. The cry has gone forth for the increased production of all foodstuffs, primarily a matter for the agriculturist, but also one in which business men co-operate and assist. If the need is as great as reported it is a matter in which every citizen should be vitally interested. Consequently it is expected that a goodly number of business men will gather at Bond's on Monday evening next when Professor Mitchell will deal with this subject and there will be general discussion of all its phases.

Montreal's own Mederic Martin, the theatrical mayor of the greatest city in Canada, is again in the limelight with the discovery that Germans had plotted to plant gas bombs in the vicinity of the Dominion Parliament buildings in the hope of poisoning the members. Mederic is unduly alarmed. After the Canadian members of parliament have survived the vapor explosions of the Carvels, Kyles and Lemieux of the Canadian opposition a real German gas bomb has been robbed of half its terrors.

And now bread is to advance a cent a loaf. It's a good job that prohibition has made it impossible to secure beer for now an extra cent a loaf won't come so hard on a portion of the community at least.

**BOMBS RUIN LITTLE TOWN IN HOLLAND**

The Hague, May 1.—The Telegraaf of Amsterdam states that bombs which were dropped on Zierikzee did such extensive damage that the village is in ruins, more than 100 houses being smashed or damaged. A terrible panic prevailed in the town, says the newspaper, intensified by the play of the searchlights operated by the Germans. It is declared that the bombs were not dropped by mistake, the Telegraaf adds, but were purposely launched. The nationality of the airplane has not been established.

Several Persons Were Killed.

Advices from Sinyaghi state that last evening two German airplanes appeared above Hasvingent and disappeared in a southwesterly direction.

**LI CHING SHI NAMED MINISTER OF FINANCE.**

Peking, May 1.—The Chinese parliament today approved of the appointment of Li Ching Shi as minister of finance.

Chen Chin Tao, the former Chinese minister of finance, was removed from office early in November last, having been charged with receiving a bribe in connection with the smelting of brass coins into ingots.

### MANY CASES DEALT WITH IN POLICE COURT

#### Thirty Prisoners Have Names Called Out in Court—Over a Dozen Were Dounds.

The names of thirty persons arrested yesterday were called in the police court yesterday.

Gillie Gulligard was before the court following a raid by Detectives Briggs with Policemen Hopkins and Winter, on his premises, 585 Main street, Monday night, about 11.30 o'clock. He was charged with keeping and selling liquor on his premises without a license and also with supplying liquor to a minor.

Dolphie Christie, aged nineteen years, said that he had been in the place twice and had been given liquor each time. Only Monday he had secured some there.

The evidence of Policemen Hopkins they had many complaints re the premises. The raid produced eighteen tanks as a result of the raid. The court remanded the defendant.

Edward Marr, aged forty-three, and his wife, Lena, aged fifty-three, were before the court as a result of a raid about 2.45 o'clock yesterday morning on the premises in the rear of Brunswick street. Robert Malcolm, aged forty-five; Eva Morrell, aged fifty-two, and Easter Henderson, aged thirty-six, were charged with being inmates.

After the police gave evidence the prisoners were all remanded except Ester Henderson, who was sent back to the Home of the Good Shepherd. She was allowed out only on Friday, as her husband had returned from the front and was in ill-health.

Alexander Leger, aged twenty-four years, with his wife, Ellen, aged twenty-two years, answered the charge of keeping a disorderly house in an alley off Brunswick street, and Margaret Thomas, aged fifty; May Dobson, aged twenty-two, and John Mosher, aged twenty-six, entered a plea of not guilty to being inmates. The prisoners were remanded.

John Davis was remanded on charges of fighting and being drunk in Clarence street.

Joseph Guonan was also remanded. He was arrested on a warrant charging assault.

Joseph Mayes and J. Hanley were remanded on a charge of being connected with the theft of the suit case from the Ferris hotel.

Bliss Dempster was remanded on the charge of being drunk and breaking furniture and other fixtures in his father's house in Thorne avenue.

William Lunney was fined \$5 for drunkenness and \$32 for resisting the police.

Of the prisoners arrested for drunkenness, some were fined and others remanded.

A liquor case against George Parker was set for today.

Wandering about the Government Railway grounds was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

A boy was charged with escaping from the Boys' Industrial Home. After some evidence was taken the boy was remanded.

Thomas Mallory laid information against the Dufferin Hotel for serving him liquor yesterday morning. He testified that he purchased a glass of whisky for which he paid ten cents.

Bart Murphy, Bert Scott, two of the hotel clerks, and James H. Puker gave evidence that Mallory entered the hotel in the future, and in this manner the case was settled.

Thomas Mallory, the complainant in the Dufferin Hotel case, stated that he also received liquor in Matt Hardin's saloon in the North End. The defendant stated it was Monday that the liquor was served, and the case was dismissed.

### STEAMER BURNED IN CANADIAN WATERS

Toledo, Ohio, May 1.—An unknown freight steamer burned early this morning during a terrific southeast gale in Lake Erie, just off East Sister Island. Observers from Bass Island said they discerned the boat clearly and that she was apparently ashore just off the island and burned furiously. It is not known whether or not there was loss of life.

East Sister Island, entirely uninhabited, is in Canadian waters, twelve miles north of Putin Bay.

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### Little Benny's Role Book

Kumpsey it was all setting on my front steps after having a drill, and all of a sudden Kumpsey said, Ah ha, mate, wait a minute. Meeting 3 men down at the corner talking and waving their hands, and Loothenant Wernick said, Ah ha, they are like 3 spies. Kaptin Potts and Sargent Hunt, I command you to volunteer for a dangerous mission, said General Martin.

I. I. sir, said Sid Hunt. Go down to yonder region and bring me back a report on weather we have friends or foes in our midst, said General Martin.

I. I. sir, said me and Sid. Have you any message for your families in case you don't come back? said General Martin.

Tell my family I was the bravest man in the army, I said. Tell mine the same, said Sid. And we snuck down to the corner keeping close to the houses till we could hear the 3 men talking, and wat was they talking but some forrin langwidge.

G. they're talking German, said Sargent Hunt. Darn if they ain't, lets go back and report, I said. Wich we started to do, sneaking back along the houses, and all of a sudden somebody said, Well, wats up, wats up? Being pop coming home, and I said, 2 spies are talking German down at the corner.

If you alluded to the 2 men I just passed, nothing is issuing from their lips but the liquid bewties of Italian and the haunting aroma of garlic, said pop. And wen me and Sid got back to my front steps, General Martin said, Well, any brave fellows, friends or foes? Friends, said me and Sid.

already were known were practically useless. "His any effective weapon been found?" he was asked.

"We have several plans," said the inventor, "but I can't tell you about them."

That was the first hint given that Mr. Maxim, as one of the government's defence experts is working on an efficient submarine weapon. Mr. Maxim edged out of the group, but Dr. Wilkinson continued to hold the crowd.

Suddenly sweeping his hat from his head, he tossed it to the lobby floor. "I am past fighting age," he cried, "but my hat is the ring of the government wants me, and there are thousands of other clergymen who are just like me."

Dr. Wilkinson then moved away, to call upon his friend, Archbishop Ireland, who is quartered in another part of the city, and who it is said, has come to Washington to pledge the support of his diocese to the government in the war.

### HUDSON MAXIM AND MINISTER HAVE DEBATE

Inventor and "Bishop of Wall Street" Discuss U-B-Boats—Grave Danger From Submarines Feared.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The Rev. Dr. William Wilkinson, of Trinity Church, New York, and familiarly known through the financial district as the "Bishop of Wall Street," had an impromptu debate with Hudson Maxim in the lobby of the New Willard Hotel here, and each argued for more than a minute before he learned the identity of his opponent.

Mr. Maxim had been asked by a reporter whether he believed the Entente Allies had materially lessened the Prussian submarine menace.

"The Germans," he almost shouted, "are going to win this war unless we can devise some better method for combating the submarine than already has been devised. It is the worst sort of criminal folly to believe that the submarine campaign has been met, and if it is not met Germany will win the war, and we, on this side of the Atlantic, will be annihilated."

A dramatic introduction

A portly man in clerical garments overheard the statement and he challenged Mr. Maxim.

"That is possible," he demanded, "that an outside of a lunatic asylum can say that the submarine warfare has been successfully combated."

Dr. Maxim turned on the newcomer and for a few moments they argued at cross purposes each misunderstanding the other.

"Will you tell me," demanded the man in clerical garments, "who you are?"

"I am Hudson Maxim," said the inventor.

"And who are you?" The clergyman swept his hat off. "I bow to you, sir," he said. "I am William Wilkinson of New York, and if it will identify me further, I am the man who preached J. Pierpont Morgan's funeral service."

By this time the echoes had attracted a crowd of dignitaries and plain lobby loungers who formed a thick ring about the two men.

"I apologize for misunderstanding you," said the pastor. "I am convinced that America is facing a grave peril and that there is not an hour to lose. I have talked with some of the biggest men in America and that is their opinion, almost to a man."

At Work on Devices

Dr. Maxim declared that the methods of combating submarines which

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